

Dear Colleague,

In 2018 festive visits for the Christmas and New Year periods were as popular as ever with over 400 students enjoying a warm welcome from our volunteer hosts.

Feedback and photographs (and even some YouTube footage!) evidenced the good times enjoyed by both hosts and student guests.

We look forward to offering hospitality and the all-important break from studies to your international students throughout 2019.

Best wishes,

*The HOST Team*

## THE HOST LEGACY



This is a New Year get-together host, Katherine Varden, gave for students who had visited in the past and who had kept in touch, through graduations, marriages and now, the start of their own families. Proof that HOST offers that special home-from-home experience.

Applications are now being accepted for Spring weekends and for Easter.

Please encourage your students to apply early if they are interested in a visit during the holidays.

**An email is attached for you to pass on.**

## FUNDED VISITS

Funding is now available for students from Japan, and for Chevening Scholars. Please encourage these students to apply and take advantage of having their application fee completely covered.

## THE DIFFERENCE HOST MAKES

**“At university, I had been thinking that making British friends were difficult but not anymore.”** Michiko Yamamoto (Japan) at University of Leeds

**“The level of kindness and interaction was overwhelming.”** Maclean Kwabena Bakpeane (Ghana) at University of Edinburgh

**“Being so far away from home for the first time, this HOST visit really opened my eyes to how kind and lovely people from all over the world can be.”** Toby Tan Xun Yi (Singapore) at Imperial College

## TOP HOST USERS

From October to December 2018 the Institutions with the highest number of authorised student applications were:

1. Kings College London
2. University of Leeds
3. University of Liverpool

## INVOICES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Invoices for the October-December quarter have now been sent out. We would appreciate prompt payment of your invoice, which is charged retrospectively.